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**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

INVENTOR(S) : Kimon D. Roufas, et al.  
TITLE : SIX DEGREE OF FREEDOM POSITION RANGING  
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 16, 2003, Applicants respond as follows:

Claims 1-20 were Presented for Examination

All claims stand rejected as being anticipated by the reference entitled "Six Degree of Freedom Sensing for Docking Using IR LED Emitters and Receivers." During a telephone conversation with the Examiner on Friday, the 30<sup>th</sup> of April, Applicants explained that the authors of the paper are the same as the listed inventors, and, therefore, the cited reference was not an appropriate reference in this matter. Particularly, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) is not appropriate as the invention was not known or used by others in this country or patented or

